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Providence, R. I., 12 — 1 — 188?

Mr. Wm Brewster

Dear Sir:

So ahead. Mr — G. has made a partial settlement, & we will not stand in your way. By the hint at foot of postal card we meant the following: He is extremely anxious for the Red Phalaropes & Bluff Th- Lewis & if you can get hold of any Good ones (He is particular) & mark them in some way & forward to us we also will prepare to identify them & forward to him.

You can prepare others also for witness if you desire & the proof then will be conclusive & this can be done at once if the operatives are to be had, & not be suspected as some new Jungfer idea might. We have this bill did not return to him last time & he wants some moderately common things you can furnish. Shall we write him if he desires the balance of his desideratum, & quote it to him & then get your help to fill it as we've gone as far as we can with our present stock. We should prefer not to be directly implicated, tho' you may call on us for all the help we can give. Yours very truly

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Mr. Wm. Brewster

Dear Sir;

Your favor of the 5th rec'd & for. Am sorry to hear of your ill health. I return the Comm. Warbler by mail as too poor. Think your age is o.k. Please credit above. Do you want to change out to A.O.U. or Ofc? If not simply say so.

Now as regards B. — I don't see but you are on the right track. When you get Officinal list from Mr. R— & forward to me his wants, I shall probably hear from B— also

Shall I fill his order as far as possible or for only such as are for the Nms- + can be recovered? Count on me for all the help I can give you. I send you list of what he has purchased + what else I can tell regarding each. You want all the data kept that is on the bids I presume for evidence.

C.K. Norton sent me a desiderata of a customer of his + included G— s list to a dot & + J + C corresponded + we had just filled G— s order so as we supposed the majority was ord'd. + mailed the ~~above~~ identical list, tho' he had an excuse for so long delay his mama being sick. G— said his Father died (about the same time) to us. Yours truly

F. F. Jencks

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Mr. Wm. Brewster

Dear Sir:

Yours 2 hand. I don't understood you before as I've been daily expecting to order, I did not know you wished a list first. Yours other letter (one rec'd to day is at store so I'll have to answer that later. Random Notes seems to be taking well, tho' I would like to see orders for it coming thicker, but we are getting several per day, & if it keeps up will pay the next printers bill. I have another case for your consideration Mr. S. & I have thought since receipt of O & C 2 or 3 days ago

of all sorts of ways to get the required result but all seemed impracticable. And yesterday when I recd your letter, I said you were the man, you're no ape to grind & neither will it be betraying a personal acquaintance. It will be the latter to us & we would not have it known for anything that we have a hand in it. At the same time a dealer cannot do what one in your position can, or the former remark might apply.

Did I ever tell you about the anonymous letters written in black, red, & green ink I recd all purporting to be signed by different persons, but all the same hand writing? I think I did but am not sure.

The writer a young man probably 18 or 19 now & 2 or 3 years younger then, has as I have since learned, grown too fast & been troubled with softening of the brain & has a vivid imagination. He is a good customer of mine & a frequent visitor, & accommodates me much but though I know nothing but the

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anonymous big: I have somewhat mistrusted his articles, tho' doubtless some are O.K. but this last big Hawk nesting affair in Me is too much Sophie to swallow. I mention no names but think you can censure as severely as you please. The "story" is interesting & might do in some places but among scientific facts ought to get its just deserts.

An ~~the next page~~ checking list enclosed is a list of what we can supply. S— is n't particular about ♂ & ♀ if they look alike, so where it will do & I can not see what I have got I underline

the rep. As you want but a few I'll skip all doubtful cases but only list those I am sure we can send good ones.

Please pardon my delay. Would have sent list at once had I understood. Do you want official list sent at once or shall I hold a while?

Very truly yrs
Fred T. Jones

Fredonia N. Y.
June 19, 1874

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Providence, R. I., 1 — 24 — 1884.

Mr. Wm Brewster

Dear Sir:

F. H. C. is the person meant. Tell any body you like, and I would suggest that you do tell some, as for instance Mrs Chamberlain, N. C. Brown, C. Hart Merriam etc. and give them your suspicions & ask them to write him. Perhaps it would be well not to own it in any way so as to rouse his suspicions but I think you will confuse him & that he will contradict himself, in which case it can be laid at his own door and no one be implicated. I have letters in one of my old [illegible]

and a game to go with them which is highly improbable & can prove it here by Southwick & Gray. He took a trip to northern Me. in company with his Worcester friend Hellen Read (She carefully investigated & could find no such man) & he said H. R kept a store in N. He wrote a letter & signed it said H. R. in which he asked for credit for himself. Finally went Read off west & he is not been heard from. But to return, he brought in after his Me. trip a list of all the varities that could be found here in winter, swore to under oath to a J.P. (Justice of the peace) In order to freeze the birds before sending he left the cover off over night and a lynx destroyed them. But a dry goods box would have been required to hold such a pile of birds & a lynx or a dog would have had

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a/it. Keats' letter was one
color with the J.P.'s another
& his own another. This is the
end of it. & after such a
year which included I think about 170
bird including Snowy, & Gray, Kittiwakes
& all the common owls, Duck Hawk
Fortaken, Eagles etc. Harlequins Ring-
Eider, & C & C & even to Henslows
Bunting. all the rare W&S. &
in all some 30 kinds, with the
[illegible] list, you'd go to the
& etc, 3 mos [illegible] of it.
& in the dead of winter too. Can
you wonder. I can read two
novels! There is no practice

but he studies trifle habits closely
& is in love with such work. But
as I said before justice must be
done even tho' he's a good customer
& friend of mine. Where I think
you'll catch him is, he is always
offering proof. But as heretofore he's
done nothing very serious I'd never
take him up thinking it useless
to mistrust him when there was
nothing good to come out of it
& perhaps considerable to lose.
I think he'll offer you
the proofs asked & then is your
chance to make him produce.
I think this is all I can tell
you to the point & am very sorry
for him as I think it is a
mental derangement more than
any fault of his, for he is
very peculiar. But I fear he is
that indignant that he could not be
reasoned with.

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I would like on approval all
you can spare of the list I sent.
I should not dare raise the
price on most of them any
& so should not wish them unless
I can turn them over. All I ask
is do as well as you can.
The Bronze story has busted
it a Martha's Vineyarder.
Lord pumped the Man's boy &
he gave it away, & I vic the fellows
name & will look out for him
in future. I don't care whether
you give them away or not
at all & care about is I'd rather
F. H. C. who has often favored me

would not know I had anything to do with it. Any of those who undertake to help you can as well as not for they can be located. I'm getting hold of minors (Farmers) all of the time & will gladly help to get this deadwood out of the way. Here is W. S. McC. Westchester Pa sent Snowden Howland 4 or 5 sets of Yellow Warblers eggs, purporting to be Black & Green, Black & Yellow - Black poll ~~Yellow~~ Yellow - rump &c & all collected in Iowa. How's that? S. A. can give you particulars. The Fox is Phila N. Smith, sent me a Tame Pigeons egg for a Wild. Little rascal didn't know positively it could be told apart. I openly accused him or rather as I generally do it told him the collector had imposed upon him, & asked how many there were in nest &c. & finding out the full particulars, I let

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were 2 & then I wrote him plainly these things are constantly [redacted] opening, but its not safe to buy them to any one unless they say they collected them. Just got an order from E.K.G. but it dont hit the Essex order, but only what he is wanted waiting for some time. I supposed the List would be sent same as before & that it was your paper same as The Bird or I should not have asked you to let it go on account. Did not know it till I read a bill from Sales & Lamidon today. P.S. - Thing more. I.H.G. wrote & article

on the breeding of the short-eared Owl. I questioned him about it, & he frankly told me where it was & for several weeks I've fully intended to investigate it if possible next spring & it's less than a dozen miles from here. Thought of getting his company if possible.

Very truly yrs
Fred J. Jones

Please forward skins &c. as convenient. Also data for sets of eggs.
One thing more. Carpenter thinks a deal of Dr. Patton & says he has lately sent him a live Screech Owl. Perhaps the Dr. can help you.

Jones, Fred J.
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Providence, R. I., Nov 30 1885

Mr Wm Brewster

Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir.

I have today seen a letter from you to Mr Jencks. When I bought him out. I knew that there was a box of skins put to one side. for the reason that when they came, he did not seem quite satisfied. & said he would retain them until he could see You & talk matters over. I said to him. how do matters stand regarding Mr Brewsters birds. as You have had all the dealings with him perhaps You had better

straighten this up for me.

I had not seen the birds until this P.M. (because being more than busy with other matters I have left the birds almost entirely to Mr J.)

I was therefore surprised to learn by Your letter that Mr J had picked out part of them himself and on looking at them I find little that I wish to object to. I have immediately given You Credit for them with the exception of (4 I think) that I have mailed back to you because one had been attacked at the Mandible by Insects, one had some feathers from the breast & the others were in some way objectionable. I think you asked Mr J. for a statement. My book-Keeper is now busy making bills

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for Dec. 1- I shall as you wish
I soon get to your page and
let you know how it stands.
While I must acknowledge
with regret, that I lack the prac-
tical knowledge of birds possessed
by Mr J. I am by no means a —
dript at it. I hope to keep up the
stock in good shape, if I may
sometimes presume to call on
you for advice on a crooked
subject. (as I think Mr J has
previously done.) I shall con-
sider it a favor -
I had hoped you could
call on me, on your way

from Newport, & trust that the visit You proposed to make in Your letter to me about three weeks since, may not be far off.

I remain

Yrs very truly

James M Southwick

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Providence, R. I., Sept 22 188 6

My Dear Mr Brewster.

Your favor of the 19th lies before me. I certainly had not anticipated any settlement of our accounts other than previously agreed upon. & I had been looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you again. perhaps to examine your collection in part. and make some of those exchanges, there are some things that I can use, frequently quite common species but about which I am particular regarding data &c. Just now I am wanting ~~for~~ to fill an

order to the Amer' Mus.' Nat. Hist.
Yellow or Red Shafted Flickers.
& Spotted Sandpipers. the price
they affer will not allow me
to pay over - 20¢ each. I find
them hard to obtain.

Accompanying you will
please find statement of
account - and if upon prefer
to pay cash. I shall be satis-
fied with a discount of 30%
and can make the money very
useful.

I remain

Very Sincerely Yrs
James M Southwick

To Mr Wm Brewster
Concord. Mass

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J. M. Southwick
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Mr Wm Brewster

My Dear Sir,

I have on the way from Colo. a lot of things, enclosed please find general list. Also my collector reports that he has taken what he thinks to be a Labrador Duck. I do not quite yet understand if it is in the coming box. I dont wish to make a fool of myself so beg you will keep it shady until we can be better assured but I desire to know if you think it possible from that situation.

Ottey

I have now in my hands on commission one specimen of Calliene albiventris. a dull sort of Flycatcher. from India. I understand it to be the only specimen in America. & that there are only five or six others known, & they can easily be traced. it was collected by Missionary Fairbanks, & came to me from his brother in law. J Snell Smith lately from Ceylon. I showed the bird to Mr Allen in New-York & we looked it up as correct. both regarding the bird & its rarity. but the Museum was too poor to pay 15 or for it. I thought perhaps Cambridge might take an interest in it if you did not personally. shall be happy to send it for your examination of

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You desire. I have a smart young man from Ceylon working for me & & hope through him to receive nice material from there some 12 mos. later.

Yours sincerely
J. M. Southwick

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W. Night-Hawk
Blk bell. Plover
Mt. Chickadee
Long tail "
Arctic Bluebird
Cassin's Purple Finch
Rock Wren
Flickers
Wes. Meadow Larks
Yell wing Sparrow
Intermediate Wht cr."
Ark. Flycatcher
Stellers Jay
Canada Jay

Canada Goose
Hutchins "
White Pelican
Gadwall
Redhead Duck
Mallard Duck
Widgeon "
Canvas back "
Pintail "
Ruddy "
Eared Grebes
Dusky Grouse
Sage Grouse
Sharp tail "
Ring bill Gull
Blk bill Magpie
Avocet
L + S. E Owl
Willet
Godwit
Prairie Owl
Peregrin

Coopers Hawk
Bands Sdpr
Semipalmated "
Least - yellow shanks
Larger " "
Dunlin
Red Snipe
Wil Phalerope
Northern "
Least Sdpr
Townsends Flycatcher
Audobons Warbler
McCowns Buntings
Gray cr. Rozy Finch
Blk. hd. Grosbeak
violet - green Swallow
Ring bill Plover
Bullocks Oriole
Mountain Plover
Slender bill Nut-hatch
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Dear Mr Brewster.

I send to you by International Exp. tomorrow morning. 19 Millets. and have some 20 or so left. but them seemed to cover the variations &c. Use them at your convenience. I send also two Screach Owls. to see if they cover any of the many Var's. the plumage of one at least seems odd also an odd Red-shaft Flicker. & What I call a Roger bill Auk. Yng' If you will kindly post me up & return them along with the Millets. (at my expense) I shall be obliged. Wishing you a happy new year. I remain

Yrs truly J M Southwick

To Wm Brewster
Cambridge Mass

J. M. Southwick

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J. M. Southwick Providence R.I.
Jan. 6-1887

Jany 6 1887

Dear Mr Brewster.

Your favor of the 5th at hand. I am a little elated to find that with my slight knowledge of the subject, I was able to discriminate so closely. I think I am hardly competent to introduce this new find properly, & beside it will give me pleasure to delegate it to You. Please proceed in any way that you may think best.

I purpose coming to Boston next Tuesday by early train. Shall probably be at Websters about 11 A.M. If You wished to see me there

bet

do not make any particular attempt to do so. As I shall not probably have anything of note to offer. I enclose memo bill. at prices that seem about right to me. Except perhaps the Millets. my quoted price now is 75 to 1.50 I dont think that I thought would meet the subject under discussion. I do not recollect whether they were all fine quality or not. I should wish to make the ordinary ones 75¢ & my nice ones about 1.25 to you & if you took the lot, say 1.10 each for fine ones.

I have just received nice Pinon Jays. Mexican Cross-bill Mex. Wild Turkey, and fine full Spring Stilt Sandpipers.

Yo Very truly
J M Southwick

To Mr William Brewster
Sparks St Cambridge Mass

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Providence, R. I. Mar 11 1887

My Dear Mr Brewster.

I fear I have been Guilty of some rudeness in neglecting reply to your of Feb 9. I note therein the birds that you desired to Keep. but more recently I understand from Mr C. B. Cory. that you have made some of them over to him. & so probably wish them charged to him. If you will kindly notify me of the Kinds and prices transferred I will correct the Charges.

I am secret about the new bird from. being glad

to give you every opportunity in the matter. Please let me know promptly when & how it is published, and as soon as convenient from where I had best try to obtain some of the best type specimens, (of course without giving my collector any idea why I want them) Under the circumstances I would like a spec or so for myself, and when all is made public, some for sale.

Yrs very truly
J. M. Southwick

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My Dear Mr Brewster -

6 Sparks St

Dear Sir. Cambridge Mass.

I thank you for the advice regarding the White Heron. I know that Mr Jenness purchased them at a price allowed for adult birds, and in my ignorance supposed they were such. I sent one to Mr Wayne. he now wishes to exchange it & I shall be glad to accommodate him.

I have read your determination of the Tellers with much pleasure and today my first opportunity I have Examined all of mine.

and unfortunately have run out of the California Specimens. but I seem to remember that it was a specimen from Nicasio. that first attracted my attention. I find that my Specimens agree well as regards sizes. and general color with your description, but on two specimens the bars on the middle tail feathers. are quite prominent. I also lack a good number of the Eastern breeding plumage to compare. I have now only 3. and 2 fall birds. I have from Va. one very curious albinistic Specimen. but ~~with~~ the Eastern form seems distinct enough through the peculiar plumage.

I had 8 very fine Stilt Sandpipers. to my surprise I find only 3 today; they have melted away one to time before I was aware of it. My col-

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lector, has instructions to look out for them again this coming season.

My trip to Indiana & Ill. has fallen through. The collector in whom I placed much confidence, had an offer of $11 pr week & his board, to remain at home, & whom he asked my advice plainly. I told him he had better absorb the $11 & board. "Life is mighty onsartin")

You have certainly given me all the prominence that I deserve in the matter of the Millets. Is it a matter to be spoken of now, or for a time sub rosa?

Yrs sincerely

James M Southwick

J. M. Southwick

Mch. 31st 1857

In re Billets

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Providence, R. I. Dec 19 1858

Dear Mr Brewster

On receipt of your favor of the 13. I made haste to send the birds at once without any reserve. And now at 8½ P.M. I see the first moment to devote to a careful consideration of our trade. I am quite willing to agree in the main to your propositions. I will take matters up as they occur to me.

You asked for 5 Swainsons. I think you will remember that I took out one specimen & put it in the drawer saying that I would like to reserve one for myself. So I sent 4 to you & returned

one of the Beldings Yellow thats.
naturally the one that was most
imperfect. I notice that they are
all rather pin feathery. which
will likely lead to trouble if any-
one tries to stuff them.

I believe I have made the
downy birds about half the price
of adults. All right about
the Manuna Quail. they will be
acceptable when you can send
them to me.

The only reservation that I
care to make on my birds. would
seem to be one or two things that
seem rare to me. and of which
you have taken the last. or the
only prime specimen. i.e

my superior Everglade Kite 500
" Richardsons Merlin 350
" Fla Burrow Owl 250

These figure 11 cc. The Merlin I

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had an undoubted sale for. and the others seem a good as anything I can get. Now as ready cash is so much the bone & sinews of business, and on account of many expenses incident to starting Mr Smith to Brazil (He sails tomorrow) I am very short of funds. I wish it might seem agreeable to you to allow me about 100 for those. However I do not by any means insist upon it. and in the most agreeable frame of mind I await the arrival of your exchanges.

Very truly Yours
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Providence, R. I. Dec 24 1888

Dear Mr Brewster.

I have a call for a lot of material. perhaps you can give me considerable help.

25 - 26 - 28 - 31a, 50, 52 - 66 - 91

93 - 95 - 98 - 100 - 101 - 102 - 107 - 110.

111 - 145 - 202 - 209 - 211a - 287 - 299 - 301a

307a - 439 - 470 - 472a - 502 - 516 - 535

544a - 564 - 666 - 691 - ~~695~~ 699 - 706

723 - 726a - 745 - 757a,

I am basing high hopes on some of the last half of the list. trusting that they come within the very kind that you desire to let me have.

wanted also. Parus sclateri
Progne cryptoleuca Aphelocoma insularis

J. M. Southwick

Dec. 24 1888

Camphulus imperialis?
Ardea virescens frazeri
Sertulata scalaris.
Ardetta mexena

Sincerely Yours
James M. Southwick

To Mr William Brewster
Parks St
Cambridge Mass

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Providence, R. I., Jan 1 1889

Dear Mr Brewster.

I have at hand your letters and the shipment of birds. All generally satisfactory and I think you will not object to such modification as I may desire. To take matters up in detail I find returned to me one Yellow Rail + one Shore Lark from Charleston S.C. These you did not mention as returned + so I will hold them apart and return again to you if you wish.

You seemed to fear that I might retain Trogons in place of some others. In fact I am rather afraid of them at 5.00 for those persons who

buy only for beauty nice not pay so much. They are eminently Scientific.. I have also an almost positive feeling that I have previously had this species (picked up in an irregular way without data. & no knowledge of what it was) that cost me about 75¢ & $1.00 each The ♀ I must return for exch. as one tail feather is broken. and the skin is badly torn open along the side of the back. I would be equally pleased if you could give me its value in much commoner birds Rough-wing Swallow, White Rump Shrike, Orchard Balt. Orioles ♂ Orioles ♀ or even Nice Blue Jays & ♀ others that I may think of.

The two ♂ birds are rather lacking in under tail coverts.

I shall proceed to advertise these goods in some way, at once.

Do I understand that if I am fortunate enough to get a good

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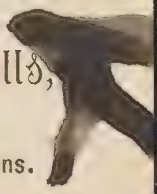

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demand that You will further Exchange them with me. or sell so that I can make a good profit?

I asked for the Cash for the two or three birds. not so much that they were rare, as that they were the only representative that I had, and I could not see how to replace them, so the simple Exchanging of one rare thing for another did not furnish that which is so very necessary to me to maintain business credit and feed my family; You will see I am presuming on your permit to write freely how things appeared to me. I will not

some prices that have been quoted to me from Arizona on Skins such as you have sent to me. Not to find fault with yours. because these prices were for Cash, not Exch. and your allowance of 8.45 in final penny up. Will correct much of the difference.

I have just ordered 1 doz Nassens at 1.00 Each

I do not know how fine these skins may be. but they are quoted as fine Class & have been seen this many years

Arizona Jays	40¢
" (Strickland) Woodpecker	75
Scotts Orioles	30
Hepatic Tanagers	50
Sulphur bel Flycatch	100
Coues do	75

Perhaps the Knowledge of these prices will be worth considerable to you in the long run

If you are satisfied to call the Cackling Goose same as Black brant. I am agreeable.

The whole business of calling

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If My skins for packing was done with a rush. I rejoice that no more errors occurred.

The Beechers Jays are magnificent the price high for fancy buyers but they are O.K. I have quite lost my heart to the Nonpareils.

By the way you may remember I called your attention to a white Rump Shrike when you were at store it had a poor tail. I did as I said I would, sold it to that same lady for millinery at more than double my catalogue rates.

Much obliged for advice on the Redtails (re Blue Mountain) I had my serious doubts of them. but was

over ruled by one who might
I though be correct. I have no doubt
but that hundreds of the Blue Front
are being sold as Stellas. Some
one shoved in the duck & O & O make
notes of that error.

Your Addition of
birds returned 12.05
deduct for Error 1.00
13.10 You will
see you have made it 14.10

I beg you will excuse an
outrageous blot I have just made
on my second sheet. As I must
not tonight, take time to rewrite.

I remain
Sincerely Yours
James McSouthwick

Southwick Feb 21-89

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Providence, R. I., Feb 21 1889

Dear Mr Brewster

I have sent to you a box of birds which I will beg you to exchange at your convenience.

500 1 Coppery-tail Trogon ? you know about it

300 1 Texas Kingfisher Half a tail

2 00 1 St L Cactus Wren poor "

300 3 St L Cardinals broken or ragged tails, & rubbings

75 1 Rufus Wing Sparrow half tail

600 2 Xantus Hummers & " "

19.75

2.50 less Yellow Rail

17.25 1 pair Shore Lark returned also -

You can accommodate Yourself in exchanging these by sending the same perfect, or other species. In a previous

Letter I mentioned some
that I needed. ab present
Either of the Western Song Sparrows.
Orchard Orioles. Baltimore do
& fine pair scientific Sole. Tanagers
do particularly ♂. Fla' Gallinule,
Bridled Titmouse. Mex Bobolink
Texas Horned Lark, Mex do.
Eastern Screech Owl. Rusty
Grackle (Spring.) Bicknells' Thrush.
&c &c. Cape May Warblers,
Ironsides do, Blackburnian do
Red-breast Nuthatch. Mourning
Dove. &c &c.

I trust you will excuse
my delay in attending to this
matter. for we have had consid-
erable sickness here. & also I have
been handling a large. & badly
mixed up collection of shells.
I'm only just now that I have looked
the birds over carefully. Sincerely Yours
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J. M. Southwick
Apr. 22. 1889

Providence, R. I., Apr 22 1889

Dear Mr Brewster

I have at hand your letter of the fifteenth, and Friday last the box of birds. They nice all answer very nicely. I regret that I could not until this time find time to carefully look them over and make reply to you. When I returned the lost lot I charged them back at the same prices you sent them & now credit them again the only new species is 1 Ha. gallinula, which I have sent to Mr James Richardson I allow you all I get for it. 60¢

Regarding the Mex Skins. I have advertised them as you may see. have sent out about 1500 circulars. have spent nearly $10.00 in printing mailing &c and so far have by sale and Exchange used up perhaps 30.00 or $40.00 worth. I think your own proposition for time max two years, but I am willing as from the first to let you do in the matter as you think best. The fact that many wish to exchange with you is only in the line of what I have learned by experience, that I must put my money and life into these things for a business and then most persons who desire the goods will buy them of me only as a last resort. they probably think they can save expense with you.

Yrs truly James M Southwick

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Providence, R. I., May 24 1889

Mr William Brewster
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir.

I hasten to reply to your dictated letter of 24th at the time of which I am a little surprised. You selected yourself such birds as you wished & sent to me such as you pleased sometimes at rather high prices, considering that handling such goods is my living not my play time. With the exception of a few imperfect specimens which you have since exchanged for me. I kept every thing as you sent it, at your offer.

Further You offered & without any propositions from me to send to me such perfect duplicate birds in your hands as I might need. & to take your pay in exchange from my stock When I said perhaps I might not have what you wanted. You were willing to risk that. You also proposed to confine your duplicates to me for two years and protect me if I needed handle them. Sometime in April you wrote me that the above arrangement was interfering with your opportunities to make Exchanges. To that I replied. that you could limit the consignment as you think best I need desire to say, now ~~repeat~~! do not let it give you another moments inconvenience.

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As matters now stand, I consider the birds I hold belong to me & those you have belong to you.

My bookkeeper will send to you the a/c as we understand it which if not correct can be arranged. If the balance is in my favor I will draw to fill it. If in yours, you can do the same, or I will send back enough of your stock to square the a/c. Any way to suit yourself.

Truly Yrs

J. M. Southwick

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Providence, R. I., May 27 1889

Mr Wm Brewster

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Cr

1888					
Dec	29	By Birds in Ex as per Invoice		228 00	
	31	" Cash		9 00	
1889	"	" Allowance for Birds ret		16 10	
May	22	" Yellow Rail		2 50	
April	19	" Birds returned for Exchange		29 35	284 95

Dr

1888					
Dec.	14	To Birds selected for Ex.		253 10	
89 May	22	" returned for Ex		19 75	272 85
			Wm Brewster		$12 10

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Providence, R. I., May 29 1889

Dear Mr Brewster.

Your favor 28th is before me & I again hasten to reply. Perhaps all this only goes to show what misunderstandings may arise between two persons, while both are acting with the best intentions. From the first, having accepted the specimens you sent to me. I did not suppose I could in any way withdraw. & immediately put all the birds into General stock. I note about the $10 expense $40 sales. because to state it frankly. I did not feel that I had at the time enjoyed the protection that I supposed you offered

or that I naturally should have asked for if you had not anticipated me. & while I left it in your hands. I rather mind you to see where I stood.

As a fact I am surprised that I have not sold more of the goods such new & rare stuff could not have been suggested. five years ago. without better results.

I certainly do not wish to hold you to a two years agreement & very possibly I am mistaken about the time. I am very willing to make it one year. And even at that do not wish it to interfere with any obligations you are under, to friends Etc.

It does occur to me. perhaps innocently. that there are some persons who would like these specials. & advance time my

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having them, to you as the probable source. If they could make exchange with you they will at once do so in preference to buying of me (I don't blame them) Now if I can hold the corner for a time, some of them may become over anxious and purchase.

Find your understanding of the condition of our a/c. the letter of 24th is not to be wondered at, In fact if I had ever supposed your present birds were simply on consignment, Your cash proposition, might in these needy time have struck me very favorably, but after all having spent so much

James Southwick
May. 29. 1889.

time in packing, Charging. Studying
Writing, adv'tc. I do not know that
financially it would pay to work the
same material over again. + so if
agreeable to you. am perfectly satis-
fied to let matters stand as they
are. + trust that you will Condone
any extra decisive sentences in
mine of May 27.

Yours Sincerely Yours
James M Southwick

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Providence, R. I., Dec 11 1884

Mr Wm Brewster

Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir.

I have now on hand one specimen of the desired bird nicely mounted by Mr Wm Critchley. who is now working for me. It is very doubtful if I am able to obtain any more of these birds. have tried ~~two~~ years for ~~these~~ the two I obtained. would see this one for 12.00. will let you know if I get more. The owner of the Brown Crane will not sell at present but promises me first chance. Yours truly J M Southwick

J. M . SOUTHWICK.
Dec. 11, 1889.

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Providence, R. I., Jany 30 1891

My Dear Mr Brewster.

Your Swan is today nearly finished. The Egret goes up tomorrow. I wish it were possible for you to come down & see us next week, any time after Tuesday. The birds will then be all finished & ready to case & send home. that is the while wes for the case & the Cabeza by itself. The Swan has been in many respects a tough job. a great deal of fat left on, and in drying it had become mouldy, the bingo not fully skinned out a quantity

of blood left in the neck where he was shot. and that mixed with oakum, made a pretty mess when we tried to soften & take it out. also the nobs on each foot are split. I think you will hardly believe all this however when you see the bird. The wings of the Egret have never been skinned at all. I will let Mr Brittelay elaborate the difficulties of the Curlew if we have the pleasure of seeing you here.

On what sort of block do you mix the curlew. ash?

The swan & Egret will easily go on base 5-3 x 22 fact I think now they would go on 45-22 How shall we have the glass put in the frame. It would be a crime to let some lumbering

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Glazier put his arms down inside against those white birds. to putty it inside, it seems that putty on outside will look badly. shall we have the glass slid into groves? then I suppose it will require a little putty outside & or rotten pressed into the cracks to make all tight. It also occurs to me that a piece of glass 53 in (or even 45 in) long by 34 broad. (34 is the hight of the swan) is a large plate and should be double thick?, I will have my cabinet maker start at once on the case as

J. M. Southwicks
Jany. 30. 1891.

Down as each birds and decc-
ded. Be sure & let me know
if Jm prefer ch shorter than
53 in. if We can use less, equal-
ly well. These birds loved
have been sooner taken up. but
Jm especially desired Mrk to do
the work and indeed We could
hardly trust such work to anyone
else just at present.

My true Jno
J M Southwick

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Providence, R. I., May 25 1891

My Dear Mr Brewster.

Do not take time to reply to this letter, unless you are desirous for us to send in an order for certain birds or animals to be had at Alaska near Onalaska. Mr S. cares not restrain his desire to further emphasize his statement that we have many distant sources of supply. We have this morning a letter promising to send us, from there, Emperor Geese & Eggs. in fact any thing that may be procured. Collected & prepared by an Educated native

Southwicks & Laitchley

May 25. 1891

We must soon reply & the Goods
will not be here before Sept or Oct.
or perhaps next may/92. We
propose to send some orders on
our own account but would gladly
incorporate any of Your desiderata
and would not consider it a
positive sale either. It would
order on the chances. and give
You first opportunity on them.

My truly Yours
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Providence, R. I., May 29 1891

Mr Wm Brewster Curator of Mammals & birds. Nuttall Ornithological Club

Dear Sir.

Your order of the 27 at hand, and as I am called away for two or three days, I reply at once, without time for careful consideration. I think we can within a reasonable time, fill at least a large portion of your order. By your terms, we take all risks and expenses upon ourselves, subject to your final decision as to quality & price. We believe you will be reasonably liberal in the matter, & will undertake the contract. All the risk you run is the possibility that we cannot obtain the specimens. If within a

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little time we find it impossible we will notify you. All the work will be first class. Must all specimens come directly from those Islands? or will a specimen. identically the same. with sex & place answer the purpose. though perhaps from another locality? We have a friend in the South Pacific he comes north in six months shall write to see if he will stop at the Sandw Is to collect & purchase.

My truly Yours

J M Southwick

Southwick & Critchley

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Providence, R. I., June 10 1891

Mr William Brewster.

Mus. Comp Zoology
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir.

Thanks for your favor of June 10. We shall endeavor to comply with the exact order.

We have already entered into considerable correspondence on the subject, and yesterday wrote to England. to a Gentleman who has lately returned from the Sandwich Is. who is recomended as having just the material wanted. We asked him to lay aside such a collection for us & correspond further about it.

ov vl

Southwick & Leitchley
June 10. 1891

We do not know when you go abroad. or where you are going. & do not wish to burden you with our business. but if you would like to call on the gentleman and select just what you desire. and have it held for our further orders. or even sent to Camb' Museum. (that would immediately avoided any possible duty. which by the way we do not expect to be obliged to pay) If you will drop a card, or telegrah to us. We will send his address to you to Cambridge or to England.

Very truly Yours
Southwick & Leitchley

This Gentlem does not know that the birds are for the Camb Museum.

We have not yet achieved any success with the Fijis. it will come later.

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Providence, R. I., June 13 1891

Mr William Brewster.

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir

The Gentleman who has the collection of Sandwich Id material is Mr Scott B. Wilson. Heatherbank. Weybridge Heath. Surrey. England. Mr Southwick has written again to him advising him that you will call. We are still on the trail of Fiji. but until we hear something further from you or Mr Wilson. we will rest on the Sandwich Id. material. You will remember that there is probability that he

can assist us on Fiji, and if you find such to be the case or if you find the material that you desire, with him or elsewhere, we are equally satisfied that you purchase it either for yourself or for us, advising us what you have done as quickly as possible. so that we may not be at the expense of getting unnecessary material.

By our representations & solicitations (we think) Mr Aldrich introduced into the last tariff bill under the <u>free list</u> paragraph 478 "Birds stuffed, not suitable for millinery ornaments, & bird skins, prepared for preservation, but further advanced in manufacture" We consider this poor wording and not what we proposed. but under it we

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should certainly be able to import free.
But we have not as yet tried it
and that odd abomination still
remains; about "Specimens of Nat.
History for sale & destitute"?
If the package is large enough
to freight please send to our brokers
Mess Vice & Lynch. Customs brokers
(They have lately moved & I am not sure
today of their number) mark the
box S&C send bill to me & copy to
them. If light and an express
package perhaps J Metzger & Co
Universal Exp & London Agts. Neil &
Wilkinson 9 Union Ct. will be
all right. We have had goods by
them but about this we are not
particular.
Have all bills made
as. bird skins for preservation.
We shall be glad to receive these things
as quickly as possible. Would be glad
to work on them this coming August.
Business is rather quiet now. and

weather the past few days very
warm. 95 in the shade.

While writing this, a letter has
come from Guayaquil from Mr Adams
who started for the Gallopagos Is. he
has been delayed there ten days. but
timed sail next day for the Islands,
says he will doubtless obtain some
things we desire.

We wish you a very
pleasant journey

Truly yours
Southwick & Pitchley

You can pay Wilson for the birds
or leave the settlement of bill to
us just as you please. We want
the glory & whatever profit there may
be in the mounting.

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258 Westminster Street.

J. M. Southwick.
July-18-1891.

Providence, R. I., July 18 1891

My Dear Mr Brewster.

I have before me a letter from Mr Scott B Wilson. Heatherbank. Weybridge Heath. Surrey Eng. He at time of writing had not heard from you (June 24) He has the desired Sandwich Id birds. and agrees to send to us whatever we desire. at prices charged to some European collectors. I have written him that I will take them ♂ & ♀. subject to any other arrangement that you may make when you meet him. He also mentions a friend who can probably supply the Fiji. Meantime I have ordered a Fiji set from Linnae in Berlin. (not directly but through

my friend Roy Bumpus. he has at present some dealings with Linnae. If you through Mr Wilson or otherwise secure the Fiji set. please notify me at once. as I may then be able to stop the order to Linnae. & so save having an extra set to pay for. I do not know that Linnae has the material. but thought to leave no stones unturned. and was willing to risk having two sets. in my desire to provide you the one.

I only wish the skins were now here, as it is more quiet than we could wish. though there is every indication that we shall be crowded after the next six weeks.

I trust you are enjoying your trip & remain.

Sincerely yours

Jos Southwell

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Providence, R. I., Oct 3 1891

Mr William Brewster.

Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir.

The birds are at hand in good order. We are as glad as yourself. anxious that they shall be mounted in the finest style. It is unfortunate that they were not here six weeks sooner. as we are now up to our eyes in fresh order work. If however you will have your previous patience they shall come out to suit you. When you have time please let us know if Mr Wilson thought his first

Southwicks & Critchley.

Oct - 3 - 1891.

was able to put you on any track of the Fiji birds. Our order to Germany falls flat so far. They do not even reply.

We shall be pleased to see you here when you have time.

Very Truly Yours

Southwick & Critchley

Kindly advise us as to style of perches required.

J. M. Southwicks.
March 9-1892.

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258 Westminster Street.

Providence, R. I., Mar 9 1892

My Dear Mr Brewster

We are busily at work on the S. I. birds. and when to-day Mr Critchley proceeded to put the Hemignathus stejnegeri ♂ from Kauai into moistening he discovered at once, that it had no tail the wings reach well back in such a way, that the omission was easily overlooked until then. We moved if you wish supply a tail. but have no idea what it should be like. You doubtless know the bird. a greenish yellow in color, and very long & much curved beak. The most careful examination of the box. paper & cotton failed to reveal the mis-

sing member. It is most unfortunate. As that is one of the most marked birds. We did not skeleton it & wish your orders before we go ahead with it. It is also peculiar that most of the specimens lack more or less of toes. they do not appear to have been broken off. but gone as if by disease. Lookings as they do when they have been frozen.

We are keeping up our end in R.I. having obtained a fine Barn Owl from Seaconnet. & Nov 30/91 and a Black Gyrfalcon on last Thanksgiving day. from near Newport

Yesterday We received from Watch-Hill a large Harbor Seal.

Sincerely Yours
J. M. Southwick

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Providence, R. I., April 7 1892

My Dear Mr Brewster.

Some time since I addressed a note to you to Concord about what disposition we should make of the Sandwich Is. Hemignathus stejnegeri. The wings were folded well back and not until Mr C. proceeded to mount it did we discover that it has no tail at all. The other birds are ready to deliver at short notice, but of course we have done nothing with that one.

I write this not to hasten you, but to make sure that you understand the situation. Mr C. was at Cambridge a day or so since. I looked over the Agassiz museum

James M. Southwick.
April. 7-1892.

He hoped to see You. but was told that You were at Concord.

He says the face of the Grilla needs repairs. The box of S. D bird has been kept with the greatest care and if the tail had come off in the box since leaving England. we coud certainly have found it.

Sincerely Yours
James M Southwick

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258 Westminster Street.

Providence, R. I., Apr 19 1892

My Dear Mr Brewster

We are today in receipt of your postal, and regret to learn that you are ill.

Since write immediately to Mr Wilson & see what can be done about the bird. Keeping the others carefully meantime. Subject to your orders. Whenever you feel able to attend to business

Wishing you speedy return of health and strength. I remain

My truly Yours

Jno Southwick

J. M. Southwicks.
April 19 - 1892.

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258 Westminster Street.

Providence, R. I. June 25, 1892.

My dear Mr. Brewster,

This present writing is from my home, 46 Brighton St, Dorchester, for three weeks, I have been confined by inflammatory rheumatism. Agreeably to your instructions I wrote Mr. Scott Wilson about the imported Sandwich Is. bird. After some delay, we have today had the pleasure of receiving from him a note, and a bird from alcohol of the desired species. It would now appear that we can very soon finish the order for that group. Will it be your pleasure that we ship them as soon as possible to the Museum, or hold them subject to your order? When writing

J. M. Southwicks.
June 26th 1892.

to Mr. Wilson we mentioned your illness. He replies, "I am extremely sorry to hear of Mrs. Brewster's ill health, as we liked him so much when he paid us a visit last year."

Regarding the Fiji birds, we have tried every probable place on the Continent without success till just now. We daily expect to hear from a collector apparently well posted on the subject. Do you still wish for the birds, and shall we go ahead about ordering them?

Trusting your health is improved,

Yr sincerely yours
James M. Southwick
per A.

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354 Westminster Street.

Providence, R. I. Aug 3 1893

Dear Mr Brewster.

I have just discovered where there are two skins of the Dowitcher Sandpiper. not of the finest. but we think we can with care, mount one of them nicely. Would you be interested in it, either for yourself or the Museum at $2.00? Just now we have also some Elegant Flamingos

Very truly Yours

J. M. Southwick.

S & C

J. M. Southwick.
Aug. 3-1893.

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354 Westminster Street.

Providence, R. I. Dec 19 1893

My Dear Mr Brewster.

By request of Mr Jenks I send to you all the data that I can find for some skins that he sold to you.

883 Dendroica tigrina. ♂ Cranston R.I. 5/20/1875

630 Helminthophaga celata. ♀ R.I.

583, RB Snipe. Aug 2 - 1880. taken by Dr H F Marshall. No data goes no further. but was probably taken near to Newport R.I. I get these items from corresponding numbers in old books left here by Mr J.

Lately I have offered to me skins with full data Calif. Pelican. 2 Farralone Cormorant. 2 Heermans Gull 2 Black-vented Shearwaters. Business is so

J. M. Southwick.
Dec. 19 - 1893.

much depressed. I hardly think I will buy them. But if they are of interest to you. will quote reasonable prices & try to obtain them for you. It is quite probable, you have already heard from them.

Also I have just learned that some Fiji birds, that you decided to take a year & half since, (ordered at once by us,) are on the way here. I cannot tell even now. how many or what they are. but will report again a little later.

Very truly Yours
J. M. Southwick
S. & C.

To Mr William Brewster
Cambridge, Mass.

The Dowitcher has appeared here within the past two weeks. Know of six or eight. It is many years since We had mention of them. in R.I.

James M. Brittinsche.
Dec. 28-1893.

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Providence, R. I. Dec 28 1893

Dear Mr Brewster.

I find #4918. Fulmar Petrel. Is reported from Warren R.I. Mar 24 - 1879 (two sex)

The Doorkees were all taken in the Bay. from 6 to 20 miles down. + another has come to Light from Point Judith. with a report of one at New London, all about the same date. Nov 29 to Dec 2 None reported inland. Looking up the matter of the B.V. Shearwaters. I am puzzled by the way they are offered to me. to know what to charge you, but I fancy about ten (10) each. It is possible that I cannot buy them separate from some other material. but will try

if they are of interest to you.

About the middle of next week I may report further on the Fiji birds

Yrs truly

James McLauthwick

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354 WESTMINSTER STREET.

Providence, R. I. Aug 14 1891

My Dear Mr Brewster.

May I trespass upon your time for a little confidential advice? About Apr 23/95 we received a letter from Prof W. E. D Scott, written on the Museum paper, ordering eyes for the museum. These were sent to him to the amount of $19.19. He said that the bill should be sent to him and he would endorse it to the Museum. We have sent two bills in that way, but have no returns, and remember that once in the past we had some trouble with him, but am not sure at present in what form it was. While Mr.

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Aug. 14, 1894.

are at this time somewhat pressed for money. We do not desire to be pressing either to the institution or Boy Scott. but would be glad to know if the affair is all right. Another reason why we desire to keep our account snug at this time is the fact, that I am very favorably mentioned as curator for the New Museum, recently erected at Roger Williams Park. I may not receive the appointment but if I do shall accept & close out my interest here as soon as may be.

Yours truly
James M Southwick

To Mr William Brewster
Cambridge
Mass

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Providence, R. I. Aug 23 1895

My Dear Mr Brewster.

Accept my thanks for your favor of the 21. You desire to understand what he wrote & I write quote his exact wording. 19 Apr 95

" S & C. Prov

Dear Sirs

Will you kindly send me samples to this museum. y dark and light brown glass bird, eyes y about the following size. I want to send an order for the Museum. but must see samples first " — the following sizes —

my mly N. E. D. S. "

26 Apr 1895

" S + C. Prov

Dear Sirs I am in receipt y Yours 24th I am obliged to you for the Samples. Will you kindly send me fifty (50) y each size. half (25 ea) light & half dark brown. please see that none y these eyes are imperfect as to bubbles, + spots also that the darker brown is not quite so dense as in some y your samples. Yours

want 25 frs each days & Mr Brown
Nov 11-13-15. The bill should
be made out to me & I endorse
it correct & hand it to the treasurer
for payment. Kindly give my regards
to Mrs Whitehead. I am very truly
W. E. D. S

P.S. also one paper insect pins
1 paper pamphlet & one paper 2 pages
Diagr.

There would seem to be
an assurance, very well con-
veyed to me that he was acting
as an agent of the Museum. and
that the institution was finally
responsible. I think it right
that you should know exactly
what is being done but will
ask you to consider it confi-
dential for a time. I will send
the bill again today. to the
Boston address, with a very
polite note stating our need

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funds &c. Write a little later report my success.

Many thanks for your offer to assist my aspirations I shall be glad to exchange the uncertainties of commerce for a life ~~of~~ in museum work, with its opportunities for careful work & study. If I succeed I shall doubtless at times sadly need your advice and assistance. but as the matter stands now do not see that you can help me.

Yours Sincerely,

James McConnell

Southwick— James M.

Aug. 23, 1893.

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Providence, R. I. Sept 6 1895

Hy Dear Mr Brewster.

On Aug 24/95 we wrote to Prof W.E. Scott as follows. sending to the address of the A. Boston Sept Club. Boston.

"Dear Sir Since sending to you about May 1/95 a quantity of eggs and insect pins. we have had no returns whatever business being very quiet at this time, we are much in need of funds. Will you kindly assist us to a remittance. as per bill again inclosed.

You advised at the time that the bill be sent through you, we shall consider it a favor.

And remain "Yrs very truly Southwick & Critchley."

The letter has not been re-

Southwick—James M.
Sept. 6, 1895.

turned, and "silence reigns".
Happening to think of it just now
I conclude to write to you. Shall
probably do nothing more for a little
time but must later takes some
active steps for a settlement.

Yours Truly
James M. Southwick

Southwick-James M.
Feb. 13-th. 1896

Providence R.I. 13/2/96
46 Brighton St.

Mr William Brewster.

My Dear Sir. I have been taking a part of inventory of material drawn out in my late dissolution of partnership. I can hardly hope that there is much in it that will be desirable to you. plice Do not hesitate to inclose a marked list and will sell from it at prices to suit you. Certainly nothing shall be more than half quoted ~~list~~ price. If you are not interested will you kindly return the list. as it does take so much time to check them up.

I am singularly situated. The museum appointment assured to me. but the City Council steadily refuses to appropriate money sufficient for expenses. When I have collected the bills due to me, I shall (if my little office [illegible] by calamity) I shall have to begin again. or sell my service elsewhere. I cannot afford to wait

too long. Speaking of birds Prof W. D Scott has I think done me completely. I put the account in a Lawyers hands & he sent it to Boston talent & they sat down & pined & wrote a letter to the Prof. which he ignored. and has since skipped to Newfoundland. & year I can still collect on him there. but understand that what he did in Mass. was not possibly a criminal offense. If you should happen to know of any way that I can get him in. Kindly advise me. for the old firm owes account; fell to me. and I can ill afford to loose that much

I have also a mantle of young down birds. a few days old. Such as merganser, Wood duck. Coot. Gull Terns (various species) Heron. Things that breed at Cobb's I.D. Some bird. herons. &c in Fla. Bustard. and Sea Eagle & some Ducks from Europe. but Finally 4 species accredited here.

Miss Pond Curator Birds. is now at the Museum. and I make these extra skins.

Have been home a few days rather interesting Captures in R.I. P.O. for this Winter.
Jan 22 a Boston One. an Chickadee R.I.
Jan 14 a female Zonotrichia. from Newton. Fresh Fish from Gould's
Feb 10. a male Pine Grosbeak. from Hingham. a Hawk &c
more. an Eagle. Ice Fishing. from a Hawk & a dozen or
During the Cold Snap in Dec. from Newton. a Downie
Brunnich's Guillemot. and a Black-backed Gull.
Letters pertaining else & interest reported to date

yours very truly,
James Richardson

46 Hopkins St Providence
20 Feb 1896

My dear Prentice.

After much deliberation, occasioned by the fear that in the rush of closing with Mr C. and removing my valuables to new storage, they were packed and deposited in confusion with disorder. Thurston furnished a box for your approval and shall ship, Mrs Lee. by Wednesday Express.

Feeling almost sure that some application of the material will be forthcoming, I have not prepaid the Ex. And also have ventured to put in a few shavings, not quite nice. But also not vacant right, and may you be interested to see, in contrast

of locality, of other American
birds. Again I have said
to send some things where-
because they lacked data, or
were otherwise too poor.
My Ring bill Gulls are western
& Spoonbills I send the best one
on hand. The Rock Ptarmigan
I cannot find though they are in
my stock list. On the list
sent to me I accidentally
marked Heath Hen. instead of
Prairie Hen. I have no skin
of Heath Hen. Having used six,
all I could obtain for same time
past. at 25.00 each, to various
Museums. I have however
one mounted Specimen. As I came
to the house as you will see by
the data. very early in the season
I was so impressed that it would
foolish to make a skin of it.
which could never have been

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Feb. 25th. 1896.

Painted afterwards — but as
so it was immediately mounted.
I had thought to have it taken in
my new Quarters. but there is
so much Con & economy. and
the whole thing seems so slowly
that I must let it. and if it
strikes him favorably we can come
to an agreement. The things
that I seem to value most are
the Carolina Parrots. and the Ivory
bills. The data on the last are
not very full. but they came from
a nest at Kissimmee. Dec 23,
Attack struck 1895. I have put
in with the Ivory bills. some
fine Canada Geese. I do wish for
all them. at any price, & can
with what you will do for the
Seal. I know however the making
of them taking is be O.K.

The Snowy Owls came from
Winnipeg. Manitoba. Mexico to me
during the winter of 1885 & 86. (Attack

P.S. The returned
bird showed come to me
at 15 Chestnut St.
my present Office & Store

Nov 1885. I notice in one blue jay have crossed spectacled Eider. but my check mark is against the one above it. Just stellas. so I have added that one on the chances.

While packing the box and entering the goods. I have been continually interrupted. and fear that I may have made an error or two but inclose a general memorandum if you will kindly look to the matter I shall willingly accept your statement.

A few days since. Lt. Ford stated that if on the Channel Fox Islands. Eyes, or viscera pins are to be found I should be glad to accept them, to liquidate my account. —

I do not remember. if I mentioned that. Our Rough leg Hawks have come from Newport. Unusually plenty during Nov & Dec. I have always considered rare in R.I.

Yours very truly
H. W. Smithwick

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Providence, R. I., Feb 25 1896

Wm William Brewster. on memo

To SOUTHWICK & ~~CRITCHLEY~~, Dr.

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TERMS CASH.

15 Chestnut St

~~354 WESTMINSTER STREET.~~

	3 Dowitchers	Garcia Terns	
	1 Jaeger Stellas Eider	1 Roseate Skoomb[illegible]	
	1 Reddish Egret	1 Yellow Rail	
	5 Great gray Owls	3 Europ Hawk Owls	
	1 Hudsonian Godwit	1 Mounted Heath Hen	
	1 Europ Merlin	1 Snowy Owl	
	1 Clarks Crow	6 Canvas Ducks	
	2 Everglade Kite	13 Ipswich Sparrows	
	7 Pacific Murres	1 Fox Sparrow	
	22 White Rr. Kittiwakes	2 Ipswich Sparrows	
	24 Nonpareil Sparrows	1 Clay colored Sparrow	
	2 Carolina Rails	2 Long billed Marsh Wrens	
	14 Louisiana Water Thrush	1 Hermit Warbler	
	7 Arctic Woodpeckers	2 Alpine Do	
	3 white headed Do		

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Birds.

7 Amer Coot
1 Thick bill Grebe
1 Red Phalarope
1 Wood Sandpiper
1 Europ Eider
1 Crested Grebe
2 Europ Rough leg Hawk
1 Long tail Duck
1 Guillemot
1 Europ Goshawk
1 Scaup Duck
2 Europ Gold Eye
1 " 699

2 Hoary Ibis
1 Dunlin
1 Clap. Rail
2 Lesser Tern
1 White tail Eagle
2 Pintail Ducks
1 Bustard
1 Eng' Bittern
1 Europ Night Heron
1 " Duck Hawk
1 Snake bird
1 Grebe
3 dgd Wild Geese

3 Lapwing
2 Ruff
1 Prairie Hen
3 — ?
1 Marsh Duck

Southwick - J. M.,
March 5th. 1896.

46 Brighton St Providence
5 March 1896

My Dear Mr Brewster.

I herewith hand you a bill of items according to your selection. at prices that I hope may please you. and only regret that more of the materials was not satisfactory.

The Heath Hen was mounted at first because Dr. C. said it feared it would never relax for a skin to be mounted afterward. and for the same reason I shunned fear the taxing down. but that would be easier than the other.

I have sold such skins as I could obtain to U.S. Museum. & to the Roitech Museum. at $25.00 each. You may have this for $10—

The Reddish Egret was collected by J. H. Baker on the Sebastian River Fla — about Jan or Apr 1890.

I am sorry about Mr Scott

shall [illegible] him at Lawrence if I get any chance. Should never have trusted him except for the use of Museum paper and the statement that they were for the Museum. His act was I think, Criminal in Mrs. Laws.

Yours Very Truly

[illegible] Hitchcock

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Providence, R. I., 5 March 1896

Mr William Brewster

To JAMES M. SOUTHWICK, Dr

(Successor to Southwick & Jencks.)

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TERMS CASH.

We shall not hold ourselves responsible for Orders in Taxidermy left with us longer than six months.

258 WESTMINSTER ST.

✓	16 Young Downy Woods		7 00	7	
✓	1 Europ. Jacdaw Pict		1 75	1	75
	8 Arctic Terns	65	5 20	5	20
	3 Clarks Crows	45	2 25	1	35
	3 Dippers	50	2 50		50
	1 White-head Woodpecker	75	1 50		
	2 Snipes 2d "	50	1 00		
5	White wing Scoter		1 50	1	25
	1 Purple Heron		2 00		
	1 Yellow Rail		1 50		
✓	1 Red Throat		1 50		
	1 Mounted Heath Hen		10 00	5	00

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY,
Roger Williams Park.
JAMES M. SOUTHWICK,
CURATOR.

Providence, R. I., 29 Nov 1899

Mr William Brewster
145 Brattle St.
Cambridge. Mass.

Dear Mr Brewster.

Entirely through the liberality of Mr Charles H Smith of Providence. We have already, an exceptionally good and correct collection of R. I. birds! In the future Mr S. will in every possible way advance the perfection of this exhibition. I am more than anxious to help his good work along. and to insure correctness. Accordingly I have today, presumed to ship to you prepaid, a Goose. One of the two sent years since, to Brown University by Mr Newton Dexter. since called & reported in Mr Howe's new list. the "Blue Goose" I am not satisfied with the identification. neither is Mr Harry S. Hathaway who is interested and assisting to make up the collection. Will you kindly label it for us? at your convenience and return to Prov. Directed to me. to hold until called for. and send inclosed card to me at same time. Leave me to pay exp. charges

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Roger Williams Park.
JAMES M. SOUTHWICK,
CURATOR.

Providence, R. I., ...

To the side of the Goose box. I have tacked a skin of Purple Grackle. R.I. Spec. & beg to know if it is a clearly representative specimen of that Sub. Sp.? If not we will wait for a better one before placing it in the collection. You see we have here, no authority higher, or specimens better than our own. and so fall into such errors, as that recently made, over a long-tailed Chickadee. (a common Chickadee) We can no longer lay any claim to that species.

Just now it seems quite certain however that we have a Ring-billed Gull. It is in the collection, but I am hunting more perfect data. Several persons are trying to locate again, some White-wing Crossbills. of the flock lately moving south. Up to date I learn of none in R.I.

Yours Sincerely
James M Southwick

Southwick — James M.

Nov 29. 1899

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Providence, R. I., 4 Dec 1899

Dear Mr Brewster:

I thank you very much for your prompt attention to my Just' Lesser Snow Goose.

The bird in question is one of the "two killed near Newport and presented to Brown University by Mr Newton Dexter" (Mm Howe's list.) or it is supposed to be. Mr D. gave the birds to Prof Jencks who was never too careful with his records, and data. Prof J. is dead, & I am waiting reply from Mr Dexter, telling me about what time the two were taken. It is years since I saw the Charlestown, Glezen, bird. So should not say much about it. However since I began to doubt my bird. I also doubt the Charlestown bird. I shall try to see it after a little. No one at B.U. takes an active interest in the bird collection. Dr Bumpus is far too busy with biology and marine work. to be able to do so. We are liable to mistakes here but mean to eliminate all of them and finally to have all correct. and also complete.

By your permission I will return your Purple Grackle a little time so that our local men can become familiar with that species.

At present there are about 250 Lesser Scaup Ducks, in our Cunliff's Pond. (in this Park) some of them and a Wood Drake. have mixed quite freely with our tame ducks.

Yours Sincerely
James M Southwick

Southwick, Mass.
Dec. 4, 1899.

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[7 with cards bill W.B.]

Providence, R. I., 9 Jany 1901

Dear Mr Brewster.

We are in happy possession of what seems to me to be a ♀ Agelaius phoeniceus. It was captured by a young man in the employ of Mr H. S. Hathaway, and all other available data is on the tag. To all of us the conditions seem peculiar, and I have taken the liberty to mail it to you for your identification, and comments.

Sincerely Yours
James M Southwick

Southwick J. M.
Jan. 9 1901

Re
♀ Red wing with
large bill.
R. I. winter

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Southwick, J. M.
Dec. 4, 1899.

Providence, R. I., 4 DEC 1899

Mr Walter Dean.
145 Brattle St.
Cambridge. Mass.

Dear Sir: I have to thank you for your attention to our birds sent for Mr Brewsters' inspection. I shall look carefully to the Grackle 13683. and return it as soon as I can let a few of our local men. settle in their minds, what 2. Quiscula should look like. We are always quarrelling about it. Yours very truly,

James M Southwick

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Providence, R. I., 3 Jany 1900

Mr Walter Deane.
145 Battle St
Cambridge. Mass.

Dear Mr Deane

I have Your card of Jan 2. announcing the arrival of the Grackle. and am ashamed that I was delingent about sending a note along with the bird. Expressing Thanks for the courtesy of both Mr Brewster and Yourself. The Matter of typical Purple Grackle is now decided. and I have a bird in the collection. collected within two miles of this museum. During the coming year I hope with assistance to work out and have on exhibition most of the State Mammals. roughly estimated at about 40 Species.

Yours Very truly
James M Southwick

Southwick, Jas.
Jan. 3, 1900